

2014 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2014, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 12 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$724,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: PIKE
COLLABORATING DISTRICT: GIBSON
PROJECT NAME: PIKE-GIBSON CONSERVATION INITIATIVE
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2014-12/31/2016
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$75,000



Purpose: Provide technical assistance in conservation design

The purpose for this continuance is to apply for more financial assistance that will make the technician position go from part time to full time for a minimum of three years. The current technician has built a reputable relationship with both county's producers, is becoming more fluent in conservation design & implementation and is a great asset to the Initiative's goals of healthier soil & water for our landowners and those living downstream from us.

Many contributing factors play a part in the Initiative's decision to apply for more financial assistance in the grant. Those factors include the increased conservation workload that is a result of two 319 Implementation Grants - Pike's Middle Patoka Watershed Implementation Grant & Gibson's Lower Patoka Watershed Implementation Grant; continued assistance with the On-Farm Network Mine Reclamation study; the continuous rise of conservation field work from NRCS programs while the NRCS faces a shortage of technical assistance in the southwest area due to recent retirements.



PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
HOOSIER ENERGY, POSEY, VANDERBURGH
AND WARRICK SWCDs, NRCS AND CCSI.

Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick County SWCDs will assist with soil health workshops.

Professional
Assistance
\$75,000